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Summer August the 12 = 1840

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1840 ny

August 28 = 1840

We spoke an Irish packet
bound for Ireland

September the 10 = 1840

we arrived at florus and caroo
after sailing four weeks in A
east south east direction from
Athare we sailed to pico and
fyol and we got potatoes pump
mushkins apples grapes and
oranges florus and caroo are to
thousand five hundred miles
from New Bedford and pico
and fyol are three thousand
miles from Bedford

October the 3 = 1840

we past the island saint
nickolas after sailing three
weeks in A south west course
from fyol the 4th we were
at the island foge and bravo

at bravo we got hogs hens duck
goats and oranges lemons beans
at bravo now it is the heat of summer
summer now corn and beans
and potatoes are as green
as ours in July from fyol to
bravo it is 12 hundred miles
Dec. we are now on the western
red whale ground and we
have been hear about 8
840 fortnight and we have
seen nothing but fin
backs porpoises and one
dead jumper the jumper
and four porpoises made
one barrel of oil we have
spoke four whale ships the
harbour with ten
barrels of black fish oil
Franklin with
two thousand barrels of oil

and the finland with one
hundred and eighty barrels
of sperm the franklin
and finland belong to
Bedford and the ship Gen
of sag harbour bound for
new holland with no oil
it is summer season here
now but it is as cold as

Nov November

12th we arrived at the island
28^d trus d ardeckuna and the
1880 twenty ninth we put A
wright whale and the
thirtieth we put another
Dec whale we put another
12th wright whale the three
4^d made us two hundred
1880 and forty barrels of
oil

Jan we were cruising around
1 m the crowsette islands
21 D this day we got two whales
18 3/41 whales one before break-
fast and the other in the
after noon the larbard
boat was stove in the
morning but there wa
now body wounded
23 D we got another whale
25 D we got another whale
before breakfast there
four made us three
hundred barrels of oil
29 D we cilled A larg whale
butt it was so rough
and near night that
we had to cut from
him after he was dead
f but he was A hard
customer

1st D we gut another whale ⁵
2nd D we gut another whale
3rd D these two made us up
4th D six hundred and fifty
5th D barrels and the fifth
6th D day we cilled A verry
7th D small whale he stove
8th D the larboard boat and
9th D after that he sunk
10th D the same day we fastned
11th D to another whale but
12th D the iron drawd and
13th D we lost him we cilled
14th D a larg whale butt it
15th D came on foggy and we
16th D had to eat from him
17th D and let him go we fastned
18th D to another whale and the
19th D iron broke and we lost
20th D him

Mar we made the island of
3 m Madegasker is A flat
1 d island the tenth we
1841 spoke the bark hope
of Bedford with twenty
one hundred eight
hundred of sperm
oil and the rest wright
12 d oil we spoke the ship
Lucy Ann willmington
with twelve hundred
of sperm and twelve
hundred wright whale
oil

April we left the island of
3 m Madegascar bound
6 D for New Holland A
1841 Sperm whaling
27 D we made the
island Saint Paul
Saint Pauls island

it lies in latitude ⁷¹
thirty seven and A half
longitude 77 and is
eighteen hundred
miles from new
holland

May 20

5 m

20 D

1851

We spoke the ship
mont Pealier of
new bedford with
twenty seven hundred
barrels of oil eight
hundred barrels of
sperm oil 20 months out

22 D

we spoke the ship
Theonix of sag
harbour with sixteen
the hundred barrels of oil
three hundred of sperm

23 D

We spoke three ships
one the ship armenia
of hudson with

twenty seven hundred
barrels of oil twelve
hundred of sperm
And the ship
adeline of New
Bedford was 10 months
out with six hundred
barrels of oil
and the ship Issett
of Saltham eight
months out with
five hundred barrels
of oil

28th we spoke the ship
Brighton of New
Bedford 25 months
out with 24 hundred
barrels of oil 11
hundred of sperm
oil she had one
man killed by

A sperm whale 9.

June 27th After beating around
6 m Cape Horn and on the
27th coast of New Holland
1841 we made the island
of New Holland
for three weeks we
under close reef
main top-sail we
July made the island
7 m of New Holland
18th We were on the coast
1841 of New Holland
in search of a bay
this day we got seven
black fish before
~~before~~ breakfast
19th We got seven more
black fish these
made us fifteen
barrels of oil and
the rest

But stove in the
barkin

28th D We anchored about
12 o'clock in Coffins
Bay

8 m We got A small
4 D wright whale it was
18th 41 verry rough in the
bay and we had one
oar from the starboard
boat stuck through
the starboard boat
then all we had to
do was to tow the
whale to the ship
and cut him in
and try him out and
mend the boat

13 D we raised A large
wright whale and
calf about three

ships length ahead
of two french ships
which layd in the
bay with us our ship
was the furthest
from the whale by
half and laid to the
leeward the larboard
boat was all the
boat aboard the other
three boats being
ashore the larboard
boat lowered and
pulled up ahead of
the french ships before
they saw the whale
they lowered eight
boats then we all put
for the whale eight
against one but we
fastened to the whale

and put him this
whale made 85 barre
of oil

15^D the french men
put A. large whale
about four miles
to the leeward of the
ship and it took
them A half A day
to tow him to the
ship

18^D It is one year ago
to day that I came
aboard of this blubber
hunter and to day
it has ben very
rough and all hand
aboard A stowing
down oil and
hoisting in and
stickin~~g~~ out the
cable and scrapping

off deck and pumping ¹³
Ship & this ends
one year of my life
in A way that is
horrible to relate

299 we Wore A shore looking
for whales and about
3 oclock in the after-
noon we saw two whale
and the larbard and
starbard and one
french boat started
for the whales with
sailer set the larbard
boat sailed about
half way to the whale
and the tub and bow
oar gut cramped and
turned her up side
down sail and all
hands were left in
the salt drink we

got on the boat and
shortly the starboard
boat came and picked
us up and we turned
the boat over and
towed her to the
ship and we broke
the gunnel of the
boat hoisting her
up the french men
first after the whales
but they proved to
be hump backs

Sept
August this day we have been
I'm cruising for whales
I D and getting water
1841 and wood aboard
at this time there
is six sick aboard
and not able to do
any thing one by the
name of smith stephen

and william giles 15.
and franklin wing
and the 3 porters
one by the name of
antone and one by the
name of joseph and
one by the name of
manuel and finally
we are all not much
better then sick

Sept We chased A large
gm whale and calf but it
SD was such calm weather
1821 and the french boats
against us that we
could not get him

6D We killed A large
whale and calf on
the other side of the
bay the larbard boat
fastned to him about
11 oclock and killed

him about twelve
oclock and then the
bow and larboard boat
Stuarted with the
whale for the ship
which was eight miles
of and we towed him
till dark and then
the Mast and Starboard
boats came to our
~~assis~~ Assistance and
we gut him along
side about ten oclock
that night and the
next day we cut him
in this whale made
us Ninety barrels of oil

7th Day there was A
schooner came into
the bay of which we
gut four sheep and
sum potatoes and

carrots and cabbage 17
and one berrrel of oat
meal

0D One Porterguee by
the name of Joseph
died after being sick
fourteen Days and not
having enything pass
through him only
what he hove up
from his stomach we
berrred him the same
day in as deasent
A way as we could
this night we saw two
whales about sunset
right A head of the
french ships and
we lowred three
boats and the french
men lowred five
boats but it was

so nigh night that
we could not get
him that time
thane fore we had
to wate for A beter
opertunity

149 Our Captain
sold six and A
half berrrels of oil
to the English
men for potatoes
and sheep

199 there was A sloop
from front hadly
front hadly is three
hundred miles
from coffins bay
of this sloop we
get about thirty
bushels of potatoes
and ium cabage
for these we

a Our captain 19
sold ten berrrels
of of oil
21st we ware A sending
up our sails and
maintegalant mast
and yard about 2
oclock in the after
noon we saw A lang
whale and calf about
a mild ahead of our
ship we loud three
boats and the french
men loud six boats
but we no gut him
but we made him
walk out of the bay
faster then he came
in I will warant you
22nd All three ships hoiste
their anchors and
eduarted for cangeroo

islands or sperm
whaling but we
had not got out
of the bay before
it came on A terrible
blow which lasted
two days and two
nights the first
night our captain
was on deck all
night and all
hands were A part
of the night tacing
in sail and the
boats this is the
hardest gale that
we have seen yet

25th We saw two whales
about A half mile
ahead of our ship
and we towed three
boats and pulled

after them about 21
two ours and gave
it up as A bad job
that there is no
remedy for

27D

We saw to spurn
whales before breakfast
and we lowered three
boats and the west
boat darted at one
of them but did not
fasten then the
starboard boat got A
chance at one of them
and fastened but it
was so rough that
we could not get
the other one this
whale we got along
side and took his
blubber of and it
was so rough that

that we lost the
head which was
about half of the
whale the blubber
of this whale made
us forty eighty

Oct barrels of oil

10 m our captain saw two
2 D sperm whales on
1841 our larband beana
about A half mile
from the ship but
it was sunset and
so rough that
we could not lower
we are now in A
place called the
Austrean light this
is on the coast of
New holland we hav
not had A calm
day since we came

October out of the bay 23
the 11 our Captain flogged
A portugee for striking
striking another
portugee with an
iron pole on the
head he gave him
eight hard blows with
A pease of tord rope
which was A half
inch through this
is one of our surdy
monring speanows
and it is the first
day that we could
carry all sail ^{since} we we
October came out of the bay
the 18 we raised A wright
whale about 11 oclock
in the forenoon and
loved the starbard
lanbard and wast

boats the starboard boat
fastned and we cilled
him and gut him
along side about one
oclock but it was so
rough that we lost
his head and afterward
~~we~~ the fluke chain
parted and we lost
about one greater part
of the whale

18 D we saw an other whale
and the larboard and
bow boat lowered and
the bow boat struck
him and we brought
him along side and
cut him in

19 D we saw another
whale but it was
to rough to lower

20 D we saw three whales ²⁵
and we lowered the
larboard waist and ~~bow~~
boats starboard boats
the larboard boat fastened
to one and the starboard
boat fastened to another
and the waist fastened
to our whale the
larboard boat gut stove
cracked twice and the
steering oar broke in
to planks by the whales
head but we killed
him and then he sunk
but the starboard boat
saved their whale so
we saved one out of
the three

21 D We spoke the bark pacific
from france with six
hundred barrels of

whale oil

22^d We saw A whale and
lowerd the larboard
and bow boats but the
whale got in the smoke
of the ship and got
galled so that we
could not ~~etch~~ catch him

26^d We saw 10 whales
about ten oclock and
we lowerd all four
of the boats the larboard
boat struck one of
them and ~~the~~ she
gut A hole stove
in the bow so that
we had to let the
bow boat take the
whale and we came
aboard of the ship
and gut another
boat and then we

put after the whales
again when we got²⁷
up with them then
North had killed
our whale and the
starboard boat had
fastned to the other
whale we killed this
whale also and we got
them along side about
four oclock in the
afternoon and the
next day we cut them
in

299 We saw A whale
about ten oclock and
we lowered the larboard
and wast boats the
larboard boat fastned
to him and killed
him with the
iron

for he saw A whale
1m and lowered the
& D larboard mast and
1841 bow boats the
larboard boat struck
the whale and killed
him alone

& D we saw A whale and
the larboard and
starboard boats lowered
and the larboard
boat fastned to him
and killed him the
same day we spoke
the Orion of Nantes
in France five mont
months out with five
hundred of whale
140 oil

He saw A whale
and lowered the
larboard and

starboard boats the
larboard boat ²⁹
fastened and the
iron drawn and we
lost him we then
came aboard and
had just got the
boats hoisted up
and we saw
another whale
and lowered down
for him but
could not get
fast

SD We saw another
whale and lowered
the larboard and
starboard boats
but the ship
went into his
wake and it
was so rough

that we could
not get him

19D We saw to whales
and loward the
larbard starbard
and wast boats the
starbard boat
pulled into their
wakes and we lost
them

20D We saw three whales
and loward the
larbard starbard and
wast the starbard
boat fastned to one
of them and cilled
him and then he
sunk this was A
verry small whale
the same day we saw
to more whales and
loward the larbard

31

waist and bow
boats the larboard
boat fastned and
and we killed him
this whale proved
to be A dry skin
the same day we spoke
the ship ferry of
sagharboun six
months out with
seven whales of
this ship we herd
of the death of
gimenal Harrison
this is the first
news that we have
had concerning
the president

21 D We saw A whale
and toward the
larboard and bow
boats the larboard

boat fastned to
him and cilled
him before the
bow boat got up
with us This day
we spoke the ship
Barkley of New
Bedford 17 months
out with 14 hundred
barrels of oil &
hundred of humpback
oil

22^D we saw to whales and
loward the larbard
and starbard boats
the larbard boat
fastned to one of them
and the ions drawd
and we lost him

23^D We saw another whale
and we loward the
larbard and wast

33

boats the larboard boat
fastned to him and
feched him along
side this is the first
whale that this boat
has gut bewhat I
have ben in her
this is the largest
whale that we hav
gut on this ground
it was so rough that
we lost his head
and throat and
Pipps

8 D Our Captain saw to
whales of deck with to
men at the masthead
we toward the larboard
starboard and bow
boats the bow boat
fastned to him he
run them till the

line franted and we
lost him

9 D We saw to whales
but it was to
rough to lower

Decem We saw a whale

5 D and toward the

12 m larboard starboard

1841 and wast boats
the wast boat fastned
to him the starboard
boat gut ^{saw} cracked and
the old man gut
nocked over board
but did not get hurt

6 D We saw another whale
and toward the
starboard larboard and
bow boats the larboard
boat fastned to him
and he run to the
windard untill he

died we are now 35
about starting for
home with A verry
leaky beShip

8 D We saw 20 whales and
loward the landard
and wast boats they
both fastned but the
lines gut afowl and
we had to cut the wast
boats line but we
cilled them both but
the old man would
not take but one of
them along side of
the ship because she
leaked so bad

9 D We Spoke the Ship
Washington of say
Harboun six months
out with six hundred
bervels of oil the

Same day we saw
a whale and toward
the landward and west
boats but he was A
going at such a rate
that we could not
catch him

12 D There is A gale of
wind and the old
man put the ship
before the wind for
home

14 D the gale is over and
the old hebrew is A
beating to the south
again and the ship
A leaking like

Feb Sam Mill

11 D We had A gale of wind
1842 which lasted two days
the seckunt day we sent
down the tegallant yards

we are now beating 37
around the cape of
good hope in latitude
32 we have been for A
week past beating about
with A head wind in
latitude 32::33::34::35

13 D This I night the barbar
wack etched A black
fish which took them
so much of their wack
that they could not
pump ship A thing
which we have to do
every two hours

14 D We have now A fair
wind which we are
all in hopes will
carry us around the
cape

15 D We are now in A
gale of wind with

with all sail taken
in but close reef main
topsail and reefed
foresail this day there
is a sail in sight
carrying all sail till
they carried away they
maintain gallant yard and
mast

16^D We have the wind
about three points
free.

17^D We have still A fair
wind and A going
ahead at the rate of
eight not an hour
we are now about A
hundred and fifty
miles from the cape
of Good Hope

18^D We have A light
breeze with the wind

on the beam 39
19^D We had A light breeze
in the forenoon in
the afternoon the breeze
increases and continues
till we had to take in
the tegralant sailes, and
double reef the topsaile
and furl the mainsail
we are now to the west
of the Cape of Good
hope steering more
north West By North
this day there was A ship
crossed our bows steering
north east there is A
brigg Astern of us
steering the same course
that we are

20^D We had A fair wind
this day

21^D We had A light breeze

fair breeze till night
when ~~at~~ the wind
came a head and we
took in sail. This
day I had something
of a rangle with the
Mate and old man
about slushing the
fore top mast.

22^d We had a head wind
this day there is a
sail in sight standing
to the East it is the
five months to day
since we saw land.

23^d We have a fair but
and stiff wind.

24^d We still have a fair
wind which carries
us along at the rate
of two hundred miles
in twenty four hours.

25 D. There still A fair and
stiff breeze this night
there was A sail came
in sight standing the
same way that we are

41
H.D. We had A fair wind
this day till four
oclock in the afternoon
when we saw three
sperm whales we
loward the Starboard
Sabbard and bay boat
the Sabbard boat fast
to one of them and gut
stove so that she filled
in A few minnets when
the boat capsized and
left us all in the salt
water but there was
no body hurt the
wax boat came
and picked us up

and towed the boat to
the ship the starboard
and bow boats went
after the whale and
put him this whale
belongs to the barboard
boat we put him
along side about dark
27th we cut him in and
commenced boiling
him out

28th We made sail and
and steared north by
East this was an account

March of boiling

29th We finished boiling
3rd in this morning and are
steering north, north
1842 East for St Helen
this whale made us
about fifty five barrels
of oil

- 2 D We have A fair but ⁴³
light breeze
- 3 D We have A lite wind
yet
- 4 D The wind is fair and
A little more of it then
we have had for the last
three days this day we
are all hands on deck
binding up whale bone
and washing of deck we
are steaming North West
By North and within
A few days sail of
Saint Helena
- 5 D X We have still A fair
but light breeze
this day I get A pocket
knife out of the
slop chest I have
had 1 tin from 8.5 lbs of
tobacco 8 lbs of Soap

One pair of Trowsers
this is all that I have
had out of the slop
chest this voyage X

6 D This twenty four hours
we have had A fair and
decent breeze this day
we sent up one.

Maintegallant Studen
Sail we have had no
studensails but the
fore topmast studensails
set before this

8 D We made the island of St
Helena and anchored about
dark

9 D We are A washing the ship
and fixing to paint this
day I have been ashore about
four in the afternoon there
was A Dutch and A English
ship came in besides A

Portergees schooner with 343
slaves this was taken by an ⁴³
english man of war there
has ben 2200 slaves brought
to this island within 10
months all taken from the
portergees by the english

10 D We are At getting water and
painting ship there is ships
At cumming and going from
here every day

11 D We are At painting ship
and stowing down water
three ships came in today
one english bark river
into At whale ship and
away her fly got and got from
the bark had her sparker
torn away and At boat stow

12 D The starboard watch is ashore
this is the first liberty
that we have had since

we left America
12th This morning our fourth
mate died in the hospital
after being sick about four
months with the consumption
he was buried the same day

16th We left the island of
Saint Helena on this
island there is a pair
of stairs with 700
steps up a mountain
Famnetown is the
capital we have been
cruising for two days
past

19th All hands have been
to the old man and
told him that we
were dissatisfied to
cruise any longer the
ship leaks so bad
and the old man

47
put the ship before
the wind for home
We made the Ascension
this is a small island
and lays in latitude
Seven and longitude
about the same

26 D There is A sail in
sight this day we sent
out two Sloop & Studer
sails this last week
all hands have been
on deck A rigging
the ship we now had
again but light breeze

April this last week

4 m We crossed the line
10 D we have laid hear
1842 in A calm for three
weeks past with
four other ships
with us

24th We are in latitude
eleven and A half
we hav had A stiff
breeze for twelve
days past this day
there is A ship in
sight which we are
A going wright
May 25th

S. We are in latitude
26th 39 this day we
1842 hav A fair but
light breeze this same
day we spoke A brig
from Saco by the
name of Norway
bound for Mastineque
with A cargo of lumber
fourteen days from
Wilmington North
Carolina Carolina

12th D. This day we are in ⁴⁹
latitude $36^{\circ} 10' 59''$ in
A gale of wind with
all sail furled but
the foresail and close
reef main top sail
this day we hove the
try works overboard
and took in the ~~f~~
boats and sent down
the main rial yard
about five o'clock in
the afternoon it
calmed down and the
wind came ahead

17th D. We hav A fair and
stiff breeze about ten
o'clock we made the
long island the next
was black island
which we made about
eleven o'clock and

this night we anchored
in New Bedford
river and the next
day about four o'clock
we were clear of the
ship

9 March ^{thee} = 19 = 1842

This certifies that we the
Subscribers on board ship
Washington at sea do not
consider ourselves safe
to cruise in the condition
which she now is in
because she is both rotten
and leaky and it is our
desire that the ship should
go immediately home.

Archibald, Hoyt
Smith, Stephens
Benjamin, Whitney
Franklin, Wing
Charles, Wing

Sumner " Quince 53

Stephen " Crane

Grant " Carroll

William " Bides

Mark " Nickerson

Elijah " Billins

Charles " Worren

Edward " Jackson

Mark Nickerson

Eaton

Newhamphshire

Brighton June ^{the} 28th
Mr Edward
Spearhawk Dr
to Mr M^r Nickerson
\$ 3¹/₄ for one weeks work
also for picking
cherries

Brighton June ^{the} 28th = 1847
Debt Mr Edward^r Spearhawk
To Mr M^r Nickerson
\$ 3¹/₄ For One Weeks Work
Also For Picking
Cherries



$$\begin{array}{r}
 4072 \\
 100 \\
 \hline
 38172 \\
 49 \\
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 7744 \\
 14480 \\
 \hline
 162624 \\
 3872 \\
 \hline
 549824
 \end{array}$$


Barbara Johnson

Spurm Whales

57

1851-1-1

1845-5-1

36

50000

150000

180000

50000

680000

2400

400000

18

3200000

400000

720000



Spurm Whales

Mark Nickerson Book

WAS
NEW

